

An aerial view of Prague, Czech Republic, at sunset. The Vltava River flows through the city, with the Charles Bridge spanning across it. The city is filled with historic buildings, including a prominent church with a green dome. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from the setting sun.

WELCOME
to the
International Baptist Church
of Prague

FRIDAY 25
DECEMBER 2020

Mutlu Noeller
Весела Коледа
Jwaye Nwèl
Craciun Fericit
Bo Nadal
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Geseënde Kersfees
メリークリスマス
Joyeux Noël
Hyyvää Joulua
Kala Christouyenna
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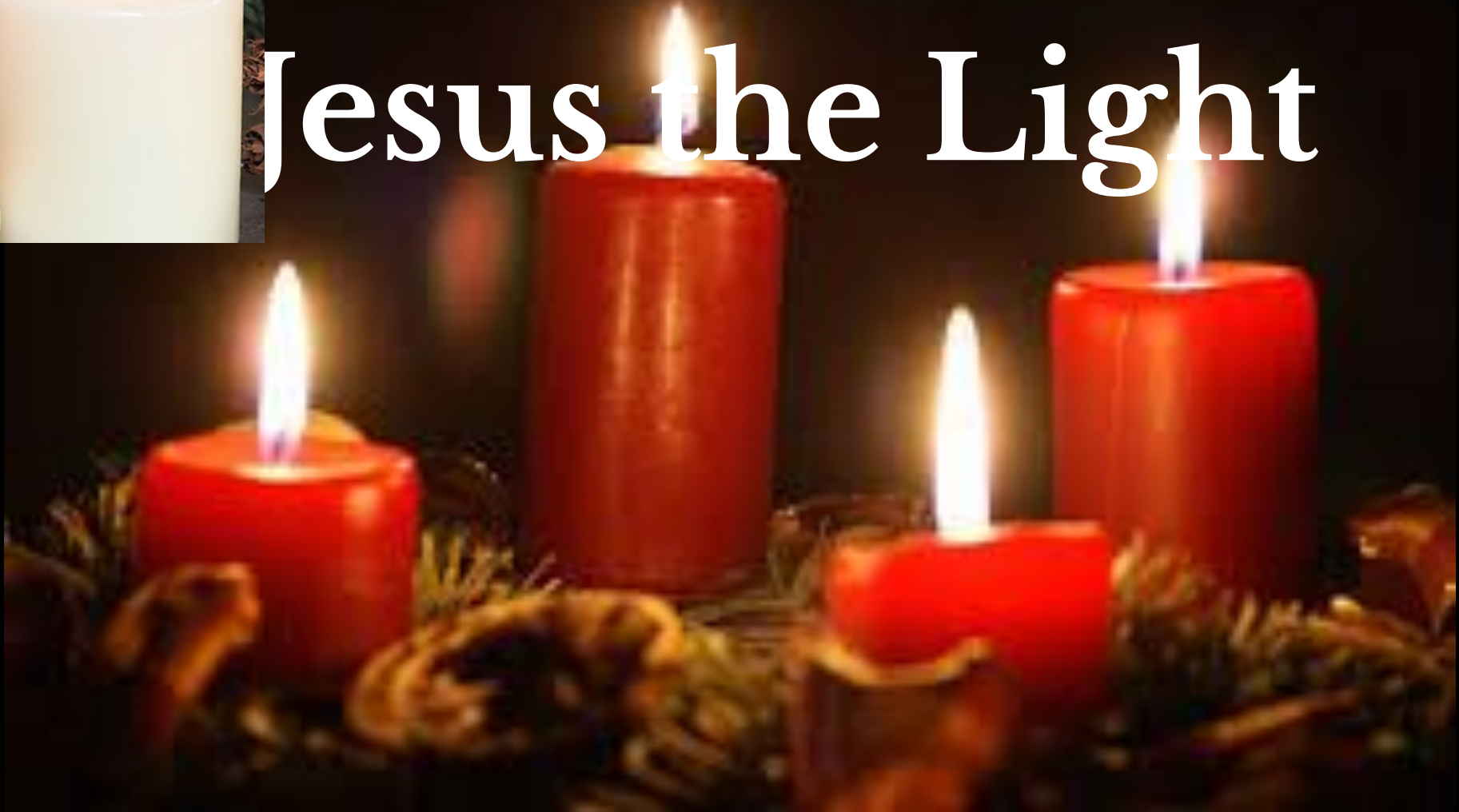


PRAYER



The Christmas Candle

Jesus the Light



John 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was with God in the beginning.

³ Through him all things were made;
without him nothing was made that has been made.

⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.



John 1:6-11

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.

⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him.

¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.



John 1:12-14

¹² Yet to all who did receive him,
to those who believed in his name,
he gave the right to become
children of God – ¹³ children born
not of natural descent,
nor of human decision
or a husband's will,
but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and
made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory,
the glory of the one and only Son,
who came from the Father,
full of grace and truth.



A scenic landscape featuring a range of snow-capped mountains in the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and a calm lake in the foreground that perfectly reflects the mountains and trees. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

SERMON

Luke 2:1-20

“Jesus”



Luke 2:1-7 “Jesus”

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 2:8-14 “Jesus”

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹² This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.’

Luke 2:15-20 “Jesus”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.’

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

PRAYER



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Birth of the Saviour – HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

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Caesar Augustus



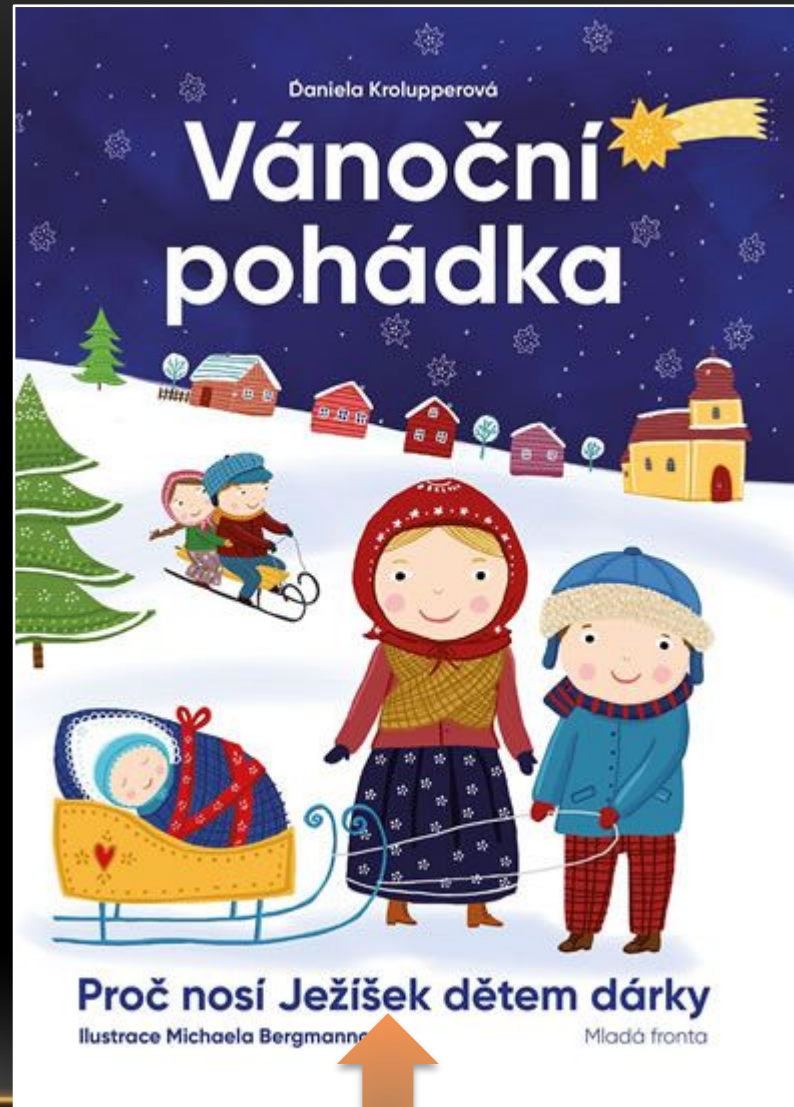
Bethlehem old town



Nazareth old town



JESUS NOT JEŽÍŠEK



Birth of the Saviour – DRAMATIC – ANGELS

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Birth of the Saviour – the SHEPHERDS' RESPONSE

- they heard the message
- they responded with faith
- they witnessed to truth
- they worshipped God



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

ALL

LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer

PRAYER for the CHURCH and PERSONAL NEEDS

ALL

LORD, in your mercy, hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and for ever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DECEMBER AT IBCP



Friday 25.12
CHRISTMAS

Luke 2:1-20 “Jesus is born”
Online at 11.00 IBCP FB page & website

Sunday 27.12

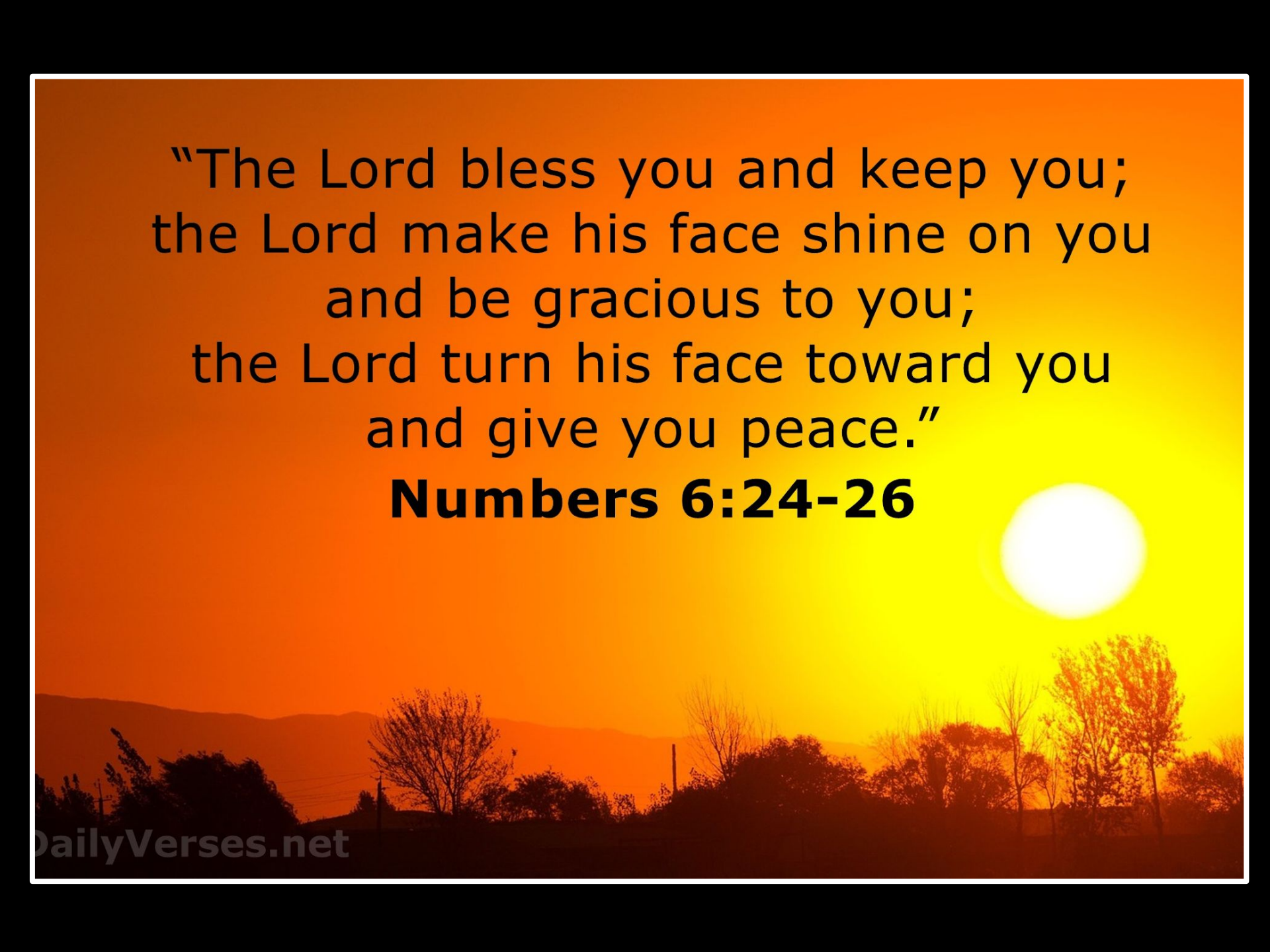
Luke 2:21-40 “Simeon & Anna”
Online at 11.00 IBCP FB page & website
16.00 downstairs at the church (tbc)

Sunday 3.01.2021

Church Motto – Lamentations 3:22-23
& Communion
Online at 11.00 IBCP FB page & website
16.00 downstairs at the church (tbc)



Benediction



“The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

PRAYER

May the blessing of
God, who is Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you now
and remain with you
always. AMEN



To
God
be the Glory!